

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 2 and 4, without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible sports enclosure within which a ball can be hit, kicked or thrown without subjecting onlookers to possible injury, said collapsible enclosure comprising:

a support base having at least first and second sides that are spaced from one another;

a support frame having a plurality of frame members that are pivotally coupled to the first and second sides of said support base so as to be ~~movable~~ rotated relative to said support base from a collapsed position located between the first and second sides of said support base when the sports enclosure is not in use to a raised position projecting upwardly from said first and second sides when the sports enclosure is in use; and

a protective netting attached to and carried by the plurality of frame members of said support frame to be lifted above the first and second sides of said support base when said ~~support frame is moved~~ frame members are rotated to the raised position and folded between the first and second sides when said ~~support frame is moved~~ frame members are rotated to the collapsed position.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 2, wherein the plurality of frame members of said support frame ~~includes a plurality of~~ are U-shaped frame members that are pivotally connected to the first and second sides of said support base and rotatable relative thereto between said collapsed and raised positions, each of said U-shaped frame members lying in generally horizontal end-to-end alignment with one another between the first and second

sides of said support base at the collapsed position of said support frame and ~~extending~~ projecting upwardly from said first and second sides ~~in~~ and lying in generally vertical spaced alignment with one another in the raised position of said support frame.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 3, further comprising at least one coupling bar extending between successive ones of said plurality of U-shaped frame members for causing said plurality of frame members to be rotated in unison between said collapsed and raised positions.

6. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 3, further comprising a cable tied to the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said support frame, said cable adapted to receive a pulling force, whereby to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate from said collapsed position to said raised position, whereby said netting is lifted above the first and second sides of said support base.

7. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 3, further comprising a pull-up rail adapted to move vertically upward and downward relative to the first and second sides of said support base, said netting attached to said pull-up rail such that said netting is lifted by said pull-up rail above said first and second sides at the same time that the plurality of U-shaped framed members of said support frame are rotated to the raised position, and said netting being folded by

said pull-up rail between said first and second sides at the same time that said plurality of U-shaped frame members are rotated to said collapsed position.

8. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 7, further comprising a cable tied to the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said support frame and to said pull-up rail, said cable receiving a pulling force whereby to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate from the collapsed position to said raised position, said pull-up rail to move vertically upward, and said netting to be lifted above the first and second sides of said support base.

9. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 8, further comprising a winch mounted on said support base and connected to said cable, said winch generating said pulling force to be applied to said cable to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate to said raised position, said pull-up rail to move vertically upward, and said netting to be lifted above the first and second sides of said support base.

10. (Original) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 9, wherein said support base also includes a front end and a back end, each of said front and back ends extending between said first and second sides, said winch mounted on said support base at the front end thereof, said pull-up rail coupled to said support base at the back end thereof, and said cable running between the front and back ends of said support base to be attached to said support frame and said pull-up rail.

11. (Currently Amended) A collapsible sports enclosure within which a ball can be hit, kicked or thrown without subjecting onlookers to possible injury, said collapsible enclosure comprising:

a support base including at least first and second sides that are spaced from one another;

a support frame having a plurality of frame members that are pivotally coupled to said support base and interconnected with one another so as to be rotated in unison relative to said support base from a collapsed generally horizontal position when the sports enclosure is not in use to a raised generally vertical position when the sports enclosure is in use; and

a protective netting attached to and carried by the plurality of frame members of said support frame, said netting being lifted by said frame members above the first and second sides of said support base when said frame members are rotated to the raised generally vertical position, and said netting being folded by said frame members between the first and second sides of said support base when said frame members are rotated to the collapsed generally horizontal position.

Please insert the following new claims:

12. (New) A collapsible sports enclosure within which a ball can be hit, kicked or thrown without subjecting onlookers to possible injury, said collapsible enclosure comprising:

first and second sides that are spaced from one another to establish a playing area therebetween;

a frame including a plurality of U-shaped frame members pivotally connected to said first and second sides, said plurality of U-shaped frame members being rotatable relative to said first and second sides from a collapsed generally horizontal position between said first and second sides when said sports enclosure is not in use to a raised generally vertical position projecting upwardly from said first and second sides when said sports enclosure is in use; and

a protective netting attached to and carried by said frame to be lifted above said first and second sides when the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said frame are rotated to the raised position.

13. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 12, further comprising a cable tied to the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said frame, said cable adapted to receive a pulling force, whereby to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate in unison with one another from said collapsed position to said raised position, whereby said protective netting is lifted above said first and second sides.

14. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 13, further comprising at least one coupling bar extending between successive ones of said plurality of U-shaped frame members for causing said plurality of frame members to be rotated in unison between said collapsed and raised positions when said cable receives said pulling force.

15. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 12, further comprising a pull-up rail adapted to move vertically upward and downward relative to said first and second sides, said netting attached to said pull-up rail such that said netting is lifted by said pull-up rail above said first and second sides at the same time that the plurality of U-shaped frames members are rotated from the collapsed position to the raised position, and said netting being folded by said pull-up rail between said first and second sides at the same time that said plurality of U-shaped frame members are rotated from the raised position to the collapsed position.

16. (New) The collapsible sports enclosures recited in Claim 15, further comprising a cable tied to the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said frame and to said pull-up rail, said cable receiving a pulling force whereby to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate with one another from the collapsed position to said raised position, said pull-up rail to move vertically upward, and said netting to be lifted above said first and second sides.

17. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 16, further comprising a winch connected to said cable, said winch generating said pulling force to be applied to said cable to cause said U-shaped frame members to rotate to said raised position, said pull-up rail to move vertically upward, and said netting to be lifted above said first and second sides.

18. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 17, further comprising a front end and a back end, each of said front and back ends extending between said first and second sides, said winch mounted on said front end, said pull-up rail coupled to said back end, and said cable running between said front and back ends to be attached to said frame and said pull-up rail.

19. (New) The collapsible sports enclosure recited in Claim 12, wherein the plurality of U-shaped frame members of said frame lie in horizontal end-to-end alignment with one another between said first and second sides at the collapsed position of said frame and project upwardly from said first and second sides to lie in spaced, vertical alignment with one another in the raised position of said frame.